

# Tyalgum District

## The Heart of the Caldera

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We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Its back to school time and that means 2009 is really underway. Thankfully so far we have not had a recurrence of the continual rain that brought floods to Tyalgum and much of the Northern Rivers region in January 2008. Since then, and more particularly over the last month or so, our local RFS supported by the TDCA have been working with the Regional RFS and SES bodies to identify ways of better supporting and co-ordinating local response to storms and floods. As many of you will be aware, flooding usually makes Tyalgum inaccessible by road from Murwillumbah for varying periods of time. This means the SES can't access the district by road and the RFS is called on to undertake their role. The RFS are at the moment reviewing local community response procedures and, as indicated in the last newsletter, the TDCA have the funding to work with them to produce a community brochure on preparing for, and responding to, storm and flood events. We will keep you informed of progress on this important community issue.

### New business for the Village

Welcome to our newest business, Kenita's Decorative Arts, which opened it's doors on Monday 19 January 2009 with an art gallery and gifts, tea and coffee, art supplies and much more. So call in and say hi to Ken and Anita and wish them well. Their business is located next to the Tyalgum Hall.



### Tyalgum celebrates Australia Day

Despite periods of heavy rain Tyalgum had a great day. Around a hundred cyclists entered the Tyalgum Cup and the rain held off during the race. The school had their first float in the street parade - well done to the students and Peter. Also thanks to the Progress Association for running the day.



The annual Australia Day Awards for Tyalgum were announced they are as follows:

**Contribution Awards:** Anne Stewart, Ann Whelan, Trudi Simcox, Sue Taylor, James & Sharon Horner, Terry Turner, Joan Eccleshare, Dayman Forthright, Sue Killcoyne, Peter Meadows, Mavis Gallard

**Achievement Awards:** Credence Donoghue, Maddison & Georgia Carter, Patsi Lutherburrow.

### Shire Awards

Congratulations also go to the two Tyalgum recipients of the Shire Australia Day Awards. They were Argy Rose for the Schools Arts Prize and Diggers for Community Event of the Year (see article on next page.)

View our exciting new website at [www.tyalgum.org.au](http://www.tyalgum.org.au) and catch up with the latest Community News at: [www.tyalgum.org.au](http://www.tyalgum.org.au)

### BRING & BUY SALE

Sunday 15th March 9am to 1pm Tyalgum Community Hall. Tables \$5 (First in Best Dessed).

**Sausage Sizzle & Refreshments available**

**Contact Joan Eccleshare ph 6679 3897**

## **Tweed Shire Council – Australia Day Awards 2008**

### **100<sup>th</sup> Tyalgum Diggers Sports Day and Rodeo**

The TDCA nominated the 100<sup>th</sup> Diggers Sports Day for the Shire Australia Day Community Event of the Year Award - and they won! We have reproduced a copy of the nomination as we think it important for us all to recognise and remember the dedication and hard work of our various community organisations over the years and the contribution that they make to the life of our community

*The Tyalgum Diggers Sports charity event has been run in one form or another since 1908 and over the years has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in today's terms for Shire community organisations and projects. The day is great community tradition for the Shire.*

*First known as Empire Day Sports, horse events, bullock riding and wood chopping were mainstay events. The sports day organisation was taken over by the Tyalgum Diggers in 1926, raising money for the Distressed Diggers Fund, Red Cross and Murwillumbah Hospital. In 1965 it became known as Tyalgum Diggers & District Sports.*

*The event is an amazing annual achievement and a credit to the handful of people who make up the organising committee. As in previous years, this year's centenary of the event would not have been a success without the support of local Tyalgum, Chillingham and Murwillumbah businesses and the help of dozens of volunteers from local organisations such as the hospital auxiliary, RSL, local P&Cs, the RFS and many locals on the day. It is a shining example of community*

*involvement, cooperation and spirit.*

*In its centenary year over 2000 people attended the Diggers Sports Day and Rodeo. The day itself was full of events and activities that appealed to families and people of all ages. There were bush poets, live music, displays, sack races, little cowboy and cowgirl competitions, tug-o-war, foot races and junior horse events; in addition to the extremely professional rodeo and associated activities. The evening fireworks were spectacular as befitted the occasion.*

*This year in addition to providing all the events and entertainment, the organising committee donated \$12500 to Tyalgum and Murwillumbah organisations. That the tradition has continued for a hundred years, celebrating the European history and heritage of our Shire is a tribute to the enthusiasm, organisational skills and commitment of both this year's and the previous 99 year's organising committees.*

This year's Diggers Committee has a great blend of wisdom and experience planning and staging the event in Bruce Bartrim (Vice President) and Merrin Gilliland (Ass. Treasurer), together with some new members, a number of whom are also new residents of the Valley. They are Joan Eccleshare (President), David O'Sullivan (Secretary), Leonie Jackman (Treasurer) and Finola Horlin (Minute Secretary). It's great to see new residents becoming involved and equally good in the case of Diggers to see them being welcomed and supported by other members.

### **Farmers Market**

We have received permission from Tweed Shire Council as landholder to stage a monthly market in Norco Park. We now need to lodge a Development Application with Council. Before we do this we are undertaking a survey to assess the interest of local and Shire producers in becoming regular stall holders. If we go ahead, it is intended that this will be a traditional Farmers Market with stalls only selling produce and locally produced value added products such as jams, chutney etc. Our aim is to have 12 stalls initially. The market will be on a Sunday and scheduled as far as is possible to avoid clashes with other similar local markets

If you are a grower small or large you may get a call from Verdandi or Joan over the next week or so. If you are interested in having a stall grab one of them, Anne or Tudor, email [newsletter@tyalgum.org.au](mailto:newsletter@tyalgum.org.au), or ring and leave a message on the TDCA phone 66792259.

### **TweedTourism**

Our local businesses are busy planning to host a Tweed Tourism members networking night in February. These nights are normally held in a single venue, for example one of the coastal resorts or large accommodation facilities. Tyalgum is the first 'Village' to host the evening. We were offered the opportunity because of our reputation for local cooperation and the high standards set by our range of local businesses that cater for visitors as well as locals.

#### **Local Business and Service Directory**

Are you a local tradesperson, goods and services provider etc.? We want to encourage support of local suppliers, so intend if there is enough interest from you, to develop a local directory which will be particularly useful to new residents. Email your details to [info@tyalgum.org.au](mailto:info@tyalgum.org.au). Or drop your card or flyer into the TDCA box at the store. As our website is now up and running we will be able to add the Directory to the site. (The glitch about the TDCA box at the store has now been sorted out.)